

Bulzomi, in which heat is reflected outwardly away from the cavity of the foot cover.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims remaining in the application, as amended, are distinguishable over the cited references and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional costs or credit any overpayments to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 03-1127.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Claims 17-31 have been canceled.

Claim 9 has been amended as follows:

9. (Amended) A thermal foot cover for receiving a wearer's shoe-encased or boot-encased foot or a wearer's foot comprising[:]

[(c)] an upper cover portion [comprising] having an ankle opening[,] therethrough and

[(d)] a bottom panel[,

the upper cover portion] attached to said upper cover portion [the bottom panel] to define a cavity for receiving the wearer's shoe-encased or boot-encased foot or wearer's foot, [and wherein] at least a portion of [the] said upper cover portion having [is made of a material comprising] an outer covering, [a radiant barrier and a] an inner covering[, wherein the] and a radiant barrier [is] sandwiched between [the] said outer covering and said [the] inner covering, said radiant barrier being adapted to reflect heat inwardly into said cavity.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Amended) The thermal foot cover of claim 9, [wherein] at least a portion of [the] said bottom panel [is made of a material comprising] having an outer covering, [a radiant barrier and a] an inner covering[, wherein the] and a radiant barrier [is] sandwiched between [the] said outer covering and [the] said inner covering, said bottom panel radiant barrier being adapted to reflect heat inwardly into said cavity.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Amended) The thermal foot cover of claim 9 [wherein the] said bottom panel [is] being a sole.

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

12. (Amended) The thermal foot cover of claim 9 further comprising a cavity enlargement means [to facilitate] for facilitating insertion of the wearer's shoe-encased or boot-encased foot or the wearer's foot into [the] said cavity.

Claim 13 has been amended as follows:

13. (Amended) A thermal foot cover of claim 9 further comprising a [bottom panel exterior coating comprising polymeric material, the] bottom panel exterior coating [being] attached to [the] said bottom panel outer covering [of the bottom panel] to provide a non-skid surface on the bottom of the thermal foot cover.

Claim 15 has been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) The thermal foot cover of claim 12 [wherein the] said upper cover portion [comprises] comprising a first top panel and a second top panel and [the] said cavity enlargement means [comprises] comprising a fastener which attached [the] said first top panel to [the] said second top panel to facilitate insertion of the wearer's shoe-encased or boot-encased foot or the wearer's foot into [the] said cavity.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) The thermal foot cover of claim 12 [wherein the] said cavity enlargement means [comprises] comprising an expandable ankle portion, [the] said expandable ankle portion being [is] adjacent to [the] said ankle opening and made of an elastic material.